

REMARKS

1. Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action mailed July 5, 2005, the Examiner rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §101 because the claim is directed to a "computer program" not tangibly embodied on a computer readable medium. Further, the Examiner indicated claim 18 is not limited to statutory subject matter and is therefore non-statutory. The Examiner indicated that claims 1-17 and 19-20 are allowed.

2. Amendments and Pending Claims

Applicant has cancelled claim 18, has amended claim 7 to correct a typographical error, and has amended claim 9 to include an omitted word "a." Now pending in this application are claims 1-17 and 19-20 of which claims 1, 6, 10, 13, and 16-17 are independent.

3. Response to §101 Rejection

As noted above, the Examiner rejected claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicant has cancelled claim 18 and Applicant submits that the rejection of claim 18 is moot.

4. Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-17 and 19-20 are in a condition for allowance, and respectfully requests prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability for these claims. If the Examiner would like to discuss this case, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (312) 913-3313.

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